



Dr. Joe Belew

August 27, 1931 - January 17, 2025

Dr. Joe Edward Belew of Chesterfield, Missouri, passed away peacefully at the age of 93 on January 17th, 2025. He is survived by his three children, Taina Heimer, Cindy Swanson, and Dr. Mark Edward Belew, 6 grandchildren, and 3 great-grandchildren.

Dr. Belew was born on August 27th, 1931 at home on his family's farm in Lonedell, Missouri. The farm was an original land grant signed by Ulysses S. Grant, and is still actively farmed by members of the Belew family. After graduating high school, he attended Central Methodist College in Fayette, MO and met the love of his life, Mary Jane Ash. They married on August 28th, 1955, and were devoted to each other for over 63yrs.

He attended St. Louis University Medical School, and went to Washington University for residency

specializing in OB Gyn. After graduating from residency, Dr. Belew served in the US military as

an

officer in the Army and was head of the obstetrics department while stationed at Augsburg,

Germany. He returned to St. Louis where he had a successful private practice in West County

spanning more than 50 years. He delivered over 11,000 babies before retiring,

including a set of quadruplets! He held many prestigious positions in his field over his long career including Chief of Staff at St. Lukes Hospital, Head of Washington University fertility clinic, and president of Central Association of Obstetricians and Gynecologists.

Dr. Belew was well respected and loved by his colleagues, patients, friends, and family. He was an optimist, and always saw the good in people. He lived life to the fullest traveling, playing golf, gardening, and spending time with his family and friends. Of all his personal and professional

accomplishments, he was most proud of being a devoted husband to his wife and loving father/grandfather. We will miss his jokes, stories, infectious chuckles, and his presence.

Funeral services will be held at Bonhomme Presbyterian Church in Chesterfield MO on 2/8/2025.

Visitation 10am-12pm, with 12 service. Interment and Military salute to follow at the Bellerive

Gardens Cemetery/Mausoleum, 740 N Mason Rd, 63141

In lieu of flowers, please donate to Friends of St Lukes <http://stlukes-stl.com/>

Cemetery Details

Bellerive Garden Indoor Mausoleum Chapel

740 North Mason Road
Creve Coeur, MO 63141

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB 8. 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

Bonhomme Presbyterian Church
14820 Conway Road
Chesterfield, MO 63017

Funeral Ceremony

FEB 8. 12:00 PM (CT)

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